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**Burlington Aging Council**

c/o Community & Economic Development Office

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**Minutes of the Burlington Aging Council  
Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

<b>Member Status</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>Dec 20th</b>
1 member representing an organization supporting New Americans in Vermont	Symphorien Sikyala	x
1 member representing a healthcare provider	Jeanne Hutchins	x
1 member representing a long-term care organization in Burlington	Shawn T Hallisey	
1 member representing an affordable housing organization in Burlington	Molly Dugan	x
1 member representing an organization working to fight food insecurity in Vermont	Jane Catton	x
1 member representing an organization providing advocacy and support for older adults in VT	Kelly Stoddard Poor	x
1 member representing a senior center in Burlington	Andrea Viets	x
1 member representing an organization providing mental health services in Vermont	Alison Miley	x
1 member representing an organization providing transportation services in Vermont	Chris Damiani	
1 member representing the City's Community and Economic Development Office	Brian Pine*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Barbara Shaw-Dorso	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Glenn McRae*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Martha Molpus	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Charles J Messing	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Lorna Kay	
Staff	Marcella Gange	x
<b>1 member representing an organization advocating for racial equity, inclusion, and belonging in Burlington</b>		

**1. Motion to approve agenda 12 20 22 - Unanimous**

**2. Motion to approve minutes 10 18 22 & 11 15 22 - Unanimous**

**3. Public Comment - None**

**4. Review and discussion of progress on the BAC WORK AND PLAN ON AGING – below and working group draft reports here: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/Boards-Commissions-Committees/burlington-aging-council>.**

General discussion on progress towards developing the BAC Plan on Aging. The members agreed to continue working to the agreed timeline and focus areas below. The members recognized that progress to this point on discrete initiatives – eg the HomeShare expansion and also on the work group recommendations to feed the Action Plan. See below for Work Group updates

**Action points:** GM has received a report on the State survey and is seeking UVM student assistance for additional analysis Connect with potential new members – to expand the action base of the BAC

**4. Any other business or announcements - none**

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

## BAC WORK AND PLAN ON AGING

The plan will encompass eleven areas that were identified in the charge given to the council. The BAC will address each of these through working groups assigned to gather information, conduct a rapid assessment, and provide actionable recommendations for policy and program development.

### BAC AREAS FOR FOCUS – Updates

Work Group Focus Area	Lead and members	Timeline	Notes	Complete?
I. Combating Social Isolation, Increasing Social Inclusion for Burlington's older residents				Draft complete
II. Housing: Affordability, Availability, & Accessibility				Draft complete
III. Health Care Workforce				Draft Complete
IV. Accessible Outdoor & Indoor Public Spaces	Kelly	Nov - Feb	Predicted complete end Feb	
V. Technology accessibility	Jane Catton	Nov - Jan	Jane will present to BAC for addn input	
VI. Multimodal Transportation	Chris	Sep – ?		
VII. Family Caregiver Support	Jeanne	Sep - Feb	In progress	
VIII. Food Security	Jane (Marcella)	Feb - Apr	Need to connect to other stakeholders	
IX. Industry Support & Working past 64	Glenn Molly Janet	Jan - March	Other stakeholders?	
X. Civic Engagement and Volunteerism	Andrea	March - May	Also: Megan HANDS + CEDO staff + Dir Engagement Agewell	
XI. Health Promotion Disease Prevention, Access Quality Nutrition & Physical	?	March - May	Community Health Improvement at UVM MC as base and ID gaps. Rise VT also has population health strategies – Jane has contact (Also	

			UVM Community Needs Assessment) MG to ask Karen Vastine about resources in UVM Health Network. YMCA – connect to Kyle Dodson. Audrey Monrow and Renee Ross at the org that was CHI	
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**Plan template for workgroup input to the Plan:**

To provide consistency across workgroups and assemble a coherent plan of action of highest use and reference for City Council and Burlington’s Administration, each work group will organize itself to address and then provide a report in the template below:

**1) What is the current state**

- i) **Background information, data, issues re: to Burlington**
- ii) **What is currently in place to work on or address the issues identified?**
- iii) **What current disparities, based on race and other identities, exist for community members?**
- iv) **Where are the gaps? What is not being fully or effectively addressed?**

**2) What are opportunities and what are the specific needs to address?**

- i) **What opportunities or actions would address race and other identity disparities? Identify specific projects or actions.**
- ii) **Is there a priority order in which to best address issues?**
- iii) **Is there low-hanging fruit that should be addressed immediately?**
- iv) **Are there key opportunities due to funding or the work of other organizations that Burlington should capitalize on?**

**3) What are specific action steps needed for Burlington?**

- i) **Recommendations for programming and investment – focus upon race and other identity disparities**
- ii) **Recommendations for new policies/plans**  
**Note the desired outcomes, outputs, and how these recommendations may address racial equity and other identity disparities**

**4) What is the advocacy agenda for getting broader support from the state or federal government?**

*This meeting will be a hybrid meeting. To comply with open meeting law requirements the in-person aspect of the meeting will be staffed at the Queen City Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 149 Church St, Burlington. Please inform staff if you are unable to attend the meeting remotely and by zoom [mqange@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:mqange@burlingtonvt.gov)*